

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Striking plug comprising a tubular hollow body (3) surmounted by a bearing collar (2)-with  
a crural expansion part (20)-with two slots (21, 21')-lying in an axial plane  
and intermediate expansion part (30)-with a cut-away wall between the crural part (20)-and the bearing collar-(2),  
characterized in that the wall of the intermediate expansion part (20)-is pierced, substantially in the extension of each slot (21, 21')-of the crural part-(20), with a non-straight continuous expansion aperture (31)-lying on either side of the said axial plane and axially spaced (22)-from the said slot (21, 21')-in order to provide double axial expansion of the plug.
2. (Currently Amended) Plug according to Claim 1, in which the axial length of the expansion apertures (31)-of the intermediate part (30)-is shorter than that of the slots (21, 21')-of the crural part-(20).
3. (Currently Amended) Plug according to Claim 1~~either of Claims 1 and 2~~, in which the expansion apertures (31)-of the intermediate part (30)-lie in a zigzag.
4. (Currently Amended) Plug according to Claim 3, in which the branches (35) forming the zigzag of the expansion aperture (31)-form acute angles between them.

5. (Currently Amended) Plug according to Claim 1~~one of Claims 1 to 4~~, in which each expansion aperture ~~(31)~~ of the intermediate part ~~(30)~~ is extended in its portion close to the bearing collar ~~(2)~~, by a side branch ~~(37)~~ intended to reduce the risk of tearing at the start of expansion.
6. (Currently Amended) Plug according to Claim 1~~one of Claims 1 to 5~~, in which each expansion aperture ~~(31)~~ of the intermediate part ~~(30)~~ forms at least one retaining lug ~~(33)~~ projecting out of the wall of the plug.
7. (Currently Amended) Plug according to Claim 1~~one of Claims 1 to 6~~, in which the surface of the inner bore ~~(4)~~ of the plug, close to the bearing collar ~~(2)~~, is shaped in order to present at least one bead ~~(38, 39)~~ for retaining an expansion nail ~~(10)~~.
8. (Currently Amended) Plug according to Claim 1~~one of Claims 1 to 7~~, in which two axially offset lugs ~~(40, 40')~~ are provided projecting out of the outer surface of the plug.